



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the purchase of Sequel Viewpoint software for use on IBM AS400 from Advanced Systems Concepts, of Schaumburg, IL. (\$10,000) (ISD)

MEETING DATE: June 19, 2002

PREPARED BY: Information Systems Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council authorize the purchase of a 4-user license for SEQUEL VIEWPOINT, a data query tool from Advanced Systems Concepts to be used on the IBM AS400.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The IBM AS400 computer is the general store of data for the City of Lodi. All transactions for the City's billing system (Orcom) and its financials (J.D. Edwards), among other data, are stored on the AS400. Data queries are written in order to provide reports and print checks, among other important tasks. As an example, if the City Council wanted to know how many business licenses were taken out from January through March of a given year, and where the businesses were located on Pine Street, this product would make it faster and easier to write the query needed to return this information.

Currently, the process required to write such queries is both complex and time-consuming. The Sequel Viewpoint product will enable our staff programmers to write queries much faster, allowing reports and information requests to be handled more expeditiously. While it is difficult to predict turnaround times (because not all queries are the same), reports that once took days or weeks to produce could be done the same day. Sequel Viewpoint also utilizes newer technology, which will make it easier to learn the product. This is a unique utility, specifically made for use on the IBM AS400. Having researched other, similar products, staff believes Sequel Viewpoint is the "best of breed" and the most cost effective solution.

This product includes 4 different modules, which are included in the purchase. Normally, the software is sold with a six license minimum; however, we were able to negotiate a 4-user license deal if purchased by June 30, 2002. The City will realize a savings of approximately \$5,000 at this negotiated price.

FUNDING: PC Replacement Fund 123001.7715 (\$10,000)

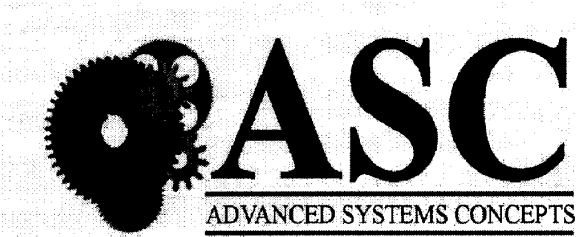
FUNDING AVAILABLE:

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Vicky McAhie, Finance Director

Steve Mann
Steve Mann, Information Systems Manager

APPROVED:

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June 10, 2002

PRICE QUOTE

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DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT

Revised User Based License: 4-user
(AS/400 model 510/2143)

SEQUEL Kernel - \$1,000/user	\$ 4,000
SEQUEL User Interface - \$500/user	\$ 2,000
SEQUEL Viewpoint-\$500/user	\$ 2,000
SEQUEL Report Writer - \$500/user	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
	\$ 10,000

Quotation valid until June 30th, 2002

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SEQUEL
VIEWPOINT SOFTWARE FOR USE ON THE IBM AS400

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code §3.20.070 authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services, or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the IBM AS400 computer is the mainframe that stores billing system transactions as well as financial data among other things for the City of Lodi; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends purchasing Sequel Viewpoint software, a data query tool for the AS400, from Advanced Systems Concepts, of Schaumburg, IL; and

WHEREAS, data queries are written in order to generate a certain type of report, or to print checks, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the process currently is very complex and time consuming. The Sequel Viewpoint software will enable programmers to write queries much faster, allowing reports and information requests to be handled more expeditiously; and

WHEREAS, typically this software is sold with a six-license minimum, however, City staff was able to negotiate a four-user license deal if purchased by June 30, 2002, thus saving the City approximately \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the purchase of Sequel Viewpoint software (four-user license) for the AS400 from Advanced Systems Concepts, of Schaumburg, IL, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Dated: June 19, 2002

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2002-138 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held June 19, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Nakanishi, and Mayor Pennino

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk